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NORTHWESTERN ENERGY TO PREVIEW DEFAULT SUPPLY PLAN FOR PSC

Representatives of NorthWestern Energy will provide the state Public Service Commission with an overview of its just-filed electricity default supply procurement plan on Tuesday, February 3. The company's presentation will take place at 1 p.m. at the PSC office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, in Helena.

As the designated default electricity supplier for its residential, business and some industrial customers that have not opted to be served by another supplier, NorthWestern must acquire a portfolio of electricity supply resources to serve its customers. The PSC adopted default supply procurement guidelines last year that provide NorthWestern with a regulatory roadmap for the acquisition of default supply resources. According to NorthWestern, the default supply plan that has just been submitted to the PSC for consideration explains the utility's resource procurement process and activities and demonstrates the process is consistent with the PSC's guidelines.

"The plan explains how NorthWestern intends to comply with the PSC's guidelines for providing electric service to nearly 300,000 Montanans," PSC Chairman Bob Rowe said. "Because NorthWestern owns no generation, this roadmap is critical. We're eager to take a close look at NorthWestern's plan, and discuss it with Montanans."

NorthWestern's default supply procurement plan will be posted February 2 on the following website: www.montanaenergyforum.com. The PSC will schedule public meetings at which the plan will be explained, questions answered, and citizens' comments heard.

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